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**"SUICIDE" NOTE**—Mrs. Irene Miller, 4811 Torrance Blvd., shows how she found note in the door at the home of Charles Alford as she was investigating the smell of leaking gas in the neighborhood. Note told where he

could be found, warned the person finding it not to "strike a match," and how to call for help. Elderly man allegedly liked atmosphere at local hospital and apparently took this method of returning.

# 'Safe' Suicide Try By Torrance Man

## Leaves Note Telling How To Call Help

An elderly Torrance man, who enjoys the gracious living at Harbor General Hospital, threw his neighborhood, the police department and rescue units for a loss Tuesday. Charles Alford, 64, apparent victim of a suicide attempt, had his own way and was safely back behind the hospital walls Tuesday evening.

Neighbors told reporters that efforts of the elderly man to stay in the hospital had resulted in one earlier attempt at suicide with sleeping pills.

Mrs. Irene Miller, who resides at 4811 Torrance Blvd. told the newsmen that she smelled gas leaking through the neighborhood and, upon investigating, found printed sign upon Alford's door saying, "I'm in the bedroom. Do not smoke or light a match. Telephone next door."

She reported that doors to the bedroom had been left sufficiently open so there was no danger of complete asphyxiation. As a further precaution against a 'fatal' suicide, a large pipe wrench had been left connected to the gas main outside the back door of the house.

Neighbors said that Alford had been having periods of extreme depression since the death of his wife several years ago. They said that he enjoyed the atmosphere of the hospital and was continuously talking about returning.

**BLOOD BANK, DEC. 7**  
Torrance residents are urged to make appointments for the next Red Cross community bloodmobile to be held here on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave.

### IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING . . .

## Twenty-Five Free Turkeys Will Be Given to Local Shoppers Monday

Twenty five free turkeys will be given away this week-end to lucky Torrance shoppers as local merchants and the Torrance Press cooperate in an unusual Thanksgiving project.

These beautiful, grain-fed birds were purchased specially to be presented to winners in a drawing scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21.

Eighteen coupons appear in advertisements in the pages of this issue of the Torrance Press, plus the bonus coupon that appears below.

Each of the nineteen coupons may be filled out and dropped into containers provided by favorite downtown merchants. Containers will be on display in the stores.

Filled out coupons will be collected for the big drawing next Monday. Winner need not be present to win.

Everyone is invited to fill out and enter as many coupons as he desires.

Someone has to win and one of these birds, roasted and brown may occupy the place of honor on your table Nov. 24.



**HIGH SCORING CANDIDATE** — Eileen Maxwell, 24, walked off with the highest number of votes in local competitions and will represent Gable House Bowl in the "Miss All Star" contest later this month. In addition to being an accomplished actress, the

blonde local girl is also a proficient bowler. She will compete against representatives from all parts of Southern California for the title and prizes ranging from Hawaiian tours to luggage and clothing.

### TORRANCE TO L.A. . . .

## City Buses Expand Runs As MTA Strike Continues

Municipal lines will take up the slack left by the discontinuance of MTA service to and from Los Angeles, it was promised yesterday by officials of the local city-owned bus service.

M. A. Chamberlain, superintendent of the bus lines, reported that his department had kept a close eye on the developing strike situation and, although hoping that a full-fledged walkout would not develop, were prepared in case it did.

Both Torrance and Gardena bus companies, which run a continuous service into Los Angeles, will increase the service and add extra buses if it becomes necessary. Chamberlain reported that if it becomes necessary, he could not estimate the increase in service that would eventually be needed but that his department would be ready for any needed expansion.

Chamberlain added that it was a stroke of pure luck that the city had accepted delivery of three new buses only last week.

**EXPAND SERVICE**  
Part of necessary expansion of service on the first

## December 15 Set For Hearing on Annexation Plan

December 15 was set this week by the Board of Supervisors for hearing a petition by 32 Lomita property owners for annexation to the recently created County waterworks district.

According to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the land proposed for annexation is located northerly of 240th Street between Arlington and Walnut Avenues.

Chace said the land proposed to be annexed comprises approximately 15 acres which is now supplied water by the portion of Narbonne Ranch Water Company which was not annexed to the City of Torrance.

## Protests Filed Against Service

Torrance residents, protesting service and costs of weed abatement within the city, appeared before the City Council Tuesday evening. Complaints ranged from large hikes in the cost of the service to the type of service given.

Councilmen authorized a study of the problem.



**THIRD AWARD**—Mrs. William L. Bradshaw of Torrance, president of the Harbor area Ikettes, auxiliary to the Isaac Walton League, accepts plaque from League President Alden Erskine at the state convention of the group

last weekend in Anaheim. Two local leagues won three of six state awards for the formation of the Ikettes group. Awards were presented for community service and activities in behalf of the league.

### NO AMOUNT SET . . .

## Board Defers Action on Tax Override

Members of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night again deferred action on setting an amount for the proposed override election Feb. 14.

Torrance voters turned out in unprecedented numbers last month to point "thumbs down" on an identical proposal that asked for a 50 cents override.

Both a 50 cent and 75 cent override have been discussed as a possible amount to request.

Action was deferred on the issue because of the absence of two board members from the meeting.

Meanwhile, school officials have been stumping service clubs and meetings

of civic groups attempting to convince them of the necessity for the increase.

Board members, following the failure of the earlier bill to impress voters, had immediately called for the second election in Feb. amount of the tax increase but neglected to set the to be collected.

Bert Lynn, chairman of the Torrance Planning Commission and leader of the opposition to the tax override on the earlier ballot, said that most of the opposition was based on the fact that no time limit was set on the proposed hike.

In a second action, the board also deferred action

on the appointment of a citizens' committee to study the school's budget. However, some aspects of the district's financial situation were discussed as well as several areas where cost reductions could be made.

Appearing before the board, residents said they wanted to present the homeowners' problems, pointed out that property taxes and assessments were "putting a squeeze" on the average homeowner. Local property taxes are too high, they said, as well as other special assessments for lights, sewers and other items.

## Elect Minister To Head Local Advisory Group

The Reverend H. Milton Sipple was re-elected as moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the group's meeting early this week in the Torrance Masonic Hall.

Other officers elected to serve during the coming year were Mrs. Kenneth McVey, assistant moderator, Marilyn Jensen, secretary, and Mrs. Kenneth Watts, treasurer.

Moderator is pastor of the First Christian Church, a position he has held for the past six years. He represents the Torrance Lions Club, and is a past president of the Torrance Ministerial Association

### 1 1/2-ACRE SITE . . .

## Condemnation Proceedings Okayed For Torrance Probation Office

Condemnation of 1 1/2 acres of land for construction of the Torrance area office of the Probation Department was authorized Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors.

The site, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chase, is located on the north side of Torrance Boulevard approximately midway between Amie Avenue and Madrona Avenue and is owned by Mrs. Mary D. Laski.

The Department of Real Estate Management estimated the value of the property at \$54,250 and an offer to purchase the site for \$56,000 was made to the owner who rejected it, holding that the land is worth \$82,000.

As a result, condemnation proceeding will be filed immediately by County Counsel

Harold W. Kennedy to acquire title of the property for the Probation Department.

The Torrance Area Office is presently located in the Compton County Building. It is hoped that the Torrance Office will be completed by Spring of 1963.

Funds for acquisition of the property are provided in the 1960-61 budget. Cost of the building is estimated at \$450,000.

**COUPON**

**25-Free Turkeys-25**

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IN DOWNTOWN TORRANCE

Nothing to Buy . . . Just Deposit at  
Your Favorite Store

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Address .....

Phone No. ....

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DRAWING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 21ST**